



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that the first half term has rushed by and we will soon be heading towards Easter. The children have been working very hard in their classes and with each other. I have been very impressed at how they are putting our value of resilience into practice. Lots of them are trying very hard to grow their 'fantastic elastic brains' by trying new challenges and not giving up.

#### **Book week**

On 26th February we start our week of activities and focus around books and stories. This will incorporate each class focusing on a particular book and looking at different aspects of it. You will have already received a letter explaining about World Book day and our dressing up/ book carnival activities. We will also be holding a bedtime story evening on 28th February when children can come back to school in their pyjamas to listen to a story (letter to follow after half term). Additionally, there will be a book fair for several days this week (see posters around school) and we will be giving children the opportunity to spend their book vouchers on a free book on World Book day. We also hope to encourage and inspire the children to read and share favourite and new books.

#### **Your comments count**

We would be very grateful for a moment of your time to complete Parentview. Please ask Ms Camp in the office for details or follow this link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

#### **Visit to The Lifeboat Centre**

Reminder that Years 1 and 2 are visiting the Lifeboat Centre in Littlehampton on 26th Feb. Please make sure that you have completed the permission form for this and handed in any voluntary contributions to Ms Camp in the office.

#### **Library Visits**

We have had two very successful visits to Chichester Library this week and last week. Many thanks to the parents who helped. The children loved the visits and were made to feel very welcome by the children's librarian. It was especially exciting that they got the opportunity to bring their own books home. I hope that some of you will be able to visit the library during half term- I'm sure your child would love to show you around!

#### **Safer Internet Week**

As mentioned previously, this week is Safer Internet week. As part of this week we held an assembly that focused on online safety. It came to light that some children are less aware of how to stay safe than others. Some children reported playing games with an 18 rating whilst others are playing on games where they link up with people that they do not know. I'm sure many of you check regularly what your children are doing online. However, I cannot stress the importance of a regular check and ensuring children know the basic stay safe rules. This may be more relevant if your child has older siblings or plays with older children. Please see our website for more details of how to stay safe online.

#### **Sponsored Walk**

We had planned a sponsored walk for NSPCC on the 2nd March but have decided to postpone this event and hold it later in the academic year- look out for further details.

#### **Parking**

I know that parking outside school is very difficult at busy times of the day. However, please can I ask you to ensure that you observe the parking rules outside the school. This is for the safety of the children and pedestrians attending our school. Remember you are able to obtain a parking permit from our school office to park in nearby car parks and roads at drop off and pick up times.

I hope that you have a lovely half term week.

If you have any queries or comments about your child or the school in general please do not hesitate to come and see either myself or Mrs Seymour.

With warm wishes,

Zoe Gordon  
Headteacher

<b>Dates for your Diary...</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Comments</b>
9th February	INSET- break up half term	
19th February	Return from half term	
19th February	Book Fair in school all week	
22nd February	Hedgehog Class assembly	
22nd February	Year 1 Infant Agility	Separate letter given to Year 1 parents
26th February	Year 1 and 2 visit to Littlehampton Lifeboat Centre	Details previously given to parents
26th February	Book week- all week	Details to follow
28th February	Bedtime Story 5pm-6pm	Details to follow
1st March	World Book Day- dress up a book character	Details to follow
2nd March	Sponsored Walk for the NSPCC	Details to follow
5th March	Yellow photographs- class photos	
8th March	Maths Workshop for parents	Details to follow
9th March	Outside Learning Day- Spring focus	Details to follow
15th March	Owl Class Assembly	
15th March	Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm	Details to follow
16th March	INSET	
22nd March	Little Big Sing- Year 2s to Jessie Youngusband School	Details to follow
25th March	Friends Easter event	Details to follow
27th March	Dancehouse Event- selected group of Year 2s	Details to follow
28th March	Easter service at St Paul's Church	Details to follow
29th March	Squirrel Class assembly Break up Easter	
16th April	Return from Easter break	
25th May	Break up half term	
4th June	INSET	
5th June	Return from half term	
24th July	Break up summer	
New dates added in red		